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THE COPPERHEAD.

Feverishly impatient at the weak, vacillating and miserably unintelligible and illogical campaign the News has made, and frenzied at the ugliness of the product of its own handiwork, a copperhead reptile in human form, but in reality bearing the countenance of a freak of nature, judging from the emanations of his own loathsome mouth, bided his time and crept stealthily forth like the midnight assassin and the burning mercenary at the stillest hour of night to give an adder's sting, under the pretense of defending him from an imaginary assault, to him, whose defeat time after time in intellectual contests has been as overwhelming and as striking and significant as the humiliating repudiation of the "illy white" plank which was spewed from the Democratic

state platform with that alacrity that marks the vomit from a sick cat after it has been given an emetic of sour milk.

This specimen of humanity, from the standpoint of what he writes, from the lack of truth in his statement from the time he chose to spit forth his venom, from the occasion that provoked his spleen, from the manner of his viciousness toward one, whose very existence causes his reptile eyes to quicken their batting and to contract their lenses in a fit of uncontrollable, impassioned envy and personal hate, reveals what character of snake he is, by taking advantage of the absence of one who has not satisfied the masters themselves and whose capabilities this unknown and cowardly member of that clique is so dissatisfied with, that he employs that manner of attack on him that the wifemurdered in Wetzel county did a few weeks ago, when he led a search to find the guilty party. Whoever this latest assailant of the editor of the News is, is not a matter of concern to us, since he chooses to conceal his identity behind the veil of cowardice and the pretense of defending a man, when in fact, like the assassin with dagger concealed he pretends to extend a hand of defense with the mere pretext that injury has been sustained by his friend, and turns suddenly upon him and plunges the deadly weapon into his vitals.

Lying still in the grass, this viper disturbed over the prospect of being routed from its retreat, and covetous of one to whose defense it makes the pretense to run, slyly crawls forth and leaps upon him and plunges its poisonous fangs into him, with the eagerness that pent up jealousy of long duration brings, determined to accomplish the evil of its designs at all hazards, even to the death blow of itself, if necessary. Portrayed by the villainous of its own expressions, the stench of its own emission, the crudeness of its language, the degradation of its intellect, the sliminess of its character, the hypocrisy of its friendship, the cunning of its life, it has furnished its own basis for public judgment of it. Revealed by its own desperation, its own contemptible mouthings, its own green-eyed envious sight, its own jealous ravings, its own diabolical pratings, it voluntarily introduces itself to the world as a demon with a diabolical nature that makes the Devil himself behold with amazement, and startles him at the complete perfection of the work that moated personage has accomplished in human form and allows to run loose among mortals.

This villain, whoever he be, and he has not the bravery to disclose his identity assumes to be the rightful critic of others and takes the unauthorized privilege to pierce the character of one whom he pretends to defend, yet by what right mortal or immortal, mutable or immutable, has this monstrousness of the human race to set himself up as the defender of any one or the judge of others? Assumptuous to take unto himself rights and privileges not delegated to him! Presumptuous to suppose an intelligent public will suffer itself to be infected by the volume of abuse, invective and slime, he belches forth in streams of such character and corruptive nature as to superinduce repulsion, scorn and the earnest and prayerful desire for the isolation of such a leprous form of humanity.

DEFENDING DOG TRAY.

The Clarksburg News in a two-column tirade says the Telegram attacked the character of the managing editor of the News during his absence, knowing him to be absent.

Now, it is a puzzle to know how that sheet figures that out. We have scanned our columns since he left to see just what we have said. The only thing charged against him in this paper that is plain to the public is that he said Short was not the man to nominate for sheriff and that he could not be elected. But this was said several times before he left and there was no public manifestation of resentment or denial for that matter.

Since this is true what arouses the News to a fury? What causes that sheet to make the declaration that the managing editor of the News was referred to?

The only reference to newspaper men in this city, except the incident noted herein, is in the following language, in speaking of some of the hypocritical reformers in this city:

"One who went to a place last Saturday night a week ago, got with a woman of bad character, and completely lost himself for 48 hours and likely would have been lost yet, if his friend Abe had not gone in quest of him and found him and brought him away."

In another short editorial the Telegram said:

"Wonder why the Democratic clique sheet was silent on the fellow that got lost for 48 hours? That is the sheet that has been howling so about wickedness, debauchery and sin."

Is the above what makes the News so angry? Do those at home intimate that that is meant for the managing editor, and, if so how do they figure it out that way? Are they trying to blame it on him in his absence? Do they acknowledge by saying he has been assailed by this paper, that he is the party referred to, and, if so, why?

In the first article there is nothing to lead the public to the belief that the managing editor of the News was the party referred to, nothing to even intimate that he was guilty of any thing, and, yet if the article is what provoked the ire of the News men at home, the impression left is that they recognize him as the one meant, and, since they do not deny the insinuation as they call it for him, they want to make the impression that he is guilty, or at least they labor that way. They go so far as to say that he is the one meant but do not deny it. Instead they attempt to divert the public mind from it after leaving the impression that he is the guilty one.

In the second editorial on the subject by the Telegram it will be noticed that the Democratic clique sheet is referred to. Here in taking that up so hurriedly the News acknowledges again that there is a Democratic clique and that that clique is its master. Certainly that is not what raised the hair on their heads, since that has been thrown up to them time and time again, when the managing editor was here, and he did not appear to especially resent and not to the extent of pawing the air, getting a lot of ugly grimaces and subverting himself to his Satanic Majesty with that impish grace that has characterized his voluntary accusers on his staff during his absence. Since it is true, what is it that has aroused the heathenish, barbaric, defiled blood of his cohorts at home. We gave him credit for exposing some things, or at least to having a disposition to ventilate things that he knew to be wrong or thought were wrong and the question was merely asked a Democratic clique sheet, and that term need not merely be confined to the News since it has not been successfully denied that there is another or so in this county of that sort, why it did not expose what made a certain fellow lose himself and tell all about it. That was only a suggestion in line with what sheets of that type pretend to do. Are we to understand that because we asked this question that the managing editor of the News is the one referred to? Do those of his staff at home mean to convey this impression? Do they mean to treat it like the manner of the horse-chief, who, when some one else was being tried for the crime, persisted to such an extent in saying that he was not the thief that his own evidence convicted him? Does the News in the absence of its managing editor aim to convict him with something that has not been directly charged to him? Does that sheet mean to tell the public that he was the one that lost himself? It looks very much that way from the manner in which the News has taken the matter unto itself. It puts up a howl like a guilty man, who gives his crime away before he has even been accused of it.

The Telegram certainly was not one-tenth as personal as the News was in reference to the managing editor of that sheet. Wonder why they figured him out as the one meant? The Telegram has certainly not tried to make a martyr out of him, nor has the News, judging from its latest effort to defend him, when the public did not know that he needed any defense. We are constrained to ask what it all means any way and to inquire of the News, if it knows more than we do about the incident, reference

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to which by us made it so terribly angry.

Now, we insist, that the News shall tell why it thought the name of its managing editor had been attacked and insists that is the case, and at the same time in making reference thereto it is no more definite than to say some one of that paper has been assailed. Again we ask why it believes any one there has been assailed? What are the grounds for it? Come on now, tell us what made you think so and why you got so angry. Tell us why you are so eager to make the public believe we meant any one of you?

If the News insists, the Telegram will consider it its duty to tell the fellow's name, the time, and place, the name of the woman in the case and how it all happened. But as they seem inclined to say that one of their own is guilty, it is not our province just now to deny it.

While some people are talking about fair names of women, they might take into consideration the efforts of themselves to break up all nations, and to defile other men's homes.

Although the News has denied from time to time that any one else but its editor wrote its editorials, it now comes out and calls itself a low-down miserable, skunking, devilish, sin-seared, polluted liar, by saying that the editor is not writing the stuff that now appears in that paper. That is the only defense that sheet puts up for him in his absence that he should be thankful for.

The only home that the Telegram knows any thing about, so far as breaking it up is concerned, was that prospective home, which was no more, after the five dollar incident connected with the fellow that is held up by his friends as the one who got lost, became public property.

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